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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A transmitter-receiver for transmitting and receiving mails to and from a user terminal by an electronic mail system, comprising:

a plurality of mail spools for retaining mails transmitted from said user terminal, each of said plurality of mail spools having a spool number,

wherein each mail in said plurality of mail spools is managed in accordance with said spool number and a mail number ~~assigned to said mails~~; and

a spool integration unit for integrating said plurality of mail spools and for making it possible to gain access to each of said mail by regarding said plurality of mail spools as a single spool,

said spool integration unit including:

first determining means for determining, among said plurality of mail spools, ~~[[any]]~~ mail spools where a mail designated to be read out is stored; [,]

first converting means for converting a reading command for reading out ~~[[a]]~~ the mail from the ~~[[a]]~~ single spool into a reading command for reading out, the ~~[[a]]~~ mail from each of the mail ~~[[said]]~~ spools ~~which have been~~ determined by said first determining means; ~~for determining~~,

~~further~~ second determining means for determining whether or not plural mails retained in said plurality of mail spools have a same mail ID given by a transmitter; ~~[[,]]~~ and

means for assigning a ~~[[the]]~~ same mail number to plural identical mails having

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the same mail ID.

2. (Currently Amended) A transmitter-receiver according to claim 1, wherein said spool integration unit further comprises ~~further~~ second converting means for converting the reading command for reading out the mail from the single spool into ~~[[to]]~~ a reading command for reading out, ~~[[a]]~~ the mail from only one of the ~~plurality of mail~~ spools ~~which have been~~ determined by said first determining means ~~for determining~~ in case two or more mail spools where mails designated to be read out are stored for reading are present.

3. (Currently Amended) A transmitter-receiver according to claim 1, further comprising a position information control unit having information relating to positions and communication channels accessible by the user terminal; and

communication mode selecting means for selecting which communication channel the user terminal should use for communication based on the information from the position information control unit, to provide control information for a communication channel which the user terminal can access by recording a place where ~~the user having~~ said the user terminal is currently present.

4-15. (Canceled)